



Ohio Diesel Emission Reduction Grant Program New Grant Awards December 2021

From the September 2021 application cycle, the review committee of ODOT and Ohio EPA representatives reviewed six transit project applications requesting nearly \$10 million. Based on the total cost-effectiveness of the proposed projects in reducing diesel emissions, the following six grants are awarded for a total of \$9,112,523 to replace 25 aging diesel transit buses. Ohio EPA estimates that these projects will achieve an estimated annual emission reduction of more than six tons of air pollutants (fine particulates and nitrogen oxides) to assist Ohio counties in meeting and maintaining federal air quality standards. These emission reduction benefits will compound every year that these transit buses remain in service. These grants are supported with federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds allocated to Ohio by the Federal Highway Administration, which must issue a formal eligibility determination for each project.

Transit Bus Replacement Projects Funded:

Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA), Franklin County, \$1,966,240 for 80% of the cost to replace four model year 2009 diesel powered transit buses with four new CNG powered transit buses, #D22F-006, PID #116001. Contact: Rebecca Felkner, felknerrl@cota.com or 614-275-5872.

Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA), Cuyahoga County, \$1,969,976 for 61% of the cost to replace six model year 2005-2006 diesel powered transit buses with six new CNG powered transit buses, #D22F-001, PID #116002. Contact: Daniel Dietrich, ddietrich@gcrtcra.org, 216-356-3370.

Greater Dayton Regional Transit Authority (GDRTA), Montgomery County, \$1,215,672 for 80% of the cost to replace three model year 2010 diesel powered transit buses with three new diesel powered transit buses, #D22F-004, PID #116011. Contact: Julie Hoffman, jhoffman@greaterdaytonrta.org or 937-425-8362.

METRO Regional Transit Authority (METRO), Summit County, \$854,889 for 80% of the cost to replace two model year 2010 diesel powered transit buses with two new CNG powered transit buses, #D22F-005, PID #116006. Contact: Matthew Mullen, matthew.mullen@akronmetro.org, 330-814-7271.

Portage Area Regional Transportation Authority (PARTA), Portage County, \$1,105,746 for 70% of the cost to replace three model year 2003-2005 diesel powered transit buses with three new CNG powered transit buses, #D22F-002, PID #116008. Contact: Ashley Boyd, aboyd@partaonline.org or 330-678-7745 ext. 110.

Stark Area Regional Transit Authority (SARTA), Stark County, \$2,000,000.00 for 80% of the cost to replace seven model year 2010-2016 diesel powered transit buses with six new CNG powered transit buses and one hydrogen fuel cell powered transit bus, #D22F-003, PID #116010. Contact: Mark Finnicum, mfinnicum@sartaonline.com or 330-477-2782.

The next DERG grant application deadline is expected to be in the fall of 2022. The Request for Proposals will be posted at <http://epa.ohio.gov/oe/EnvironmentalEducation.aspx#131364252-diesel-emissionreduction-grants> .

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